

## LITERARY NOTES.

With the number for January 3, *Littell's Living Age* enters upon its 14th volume.

Mr. Joseph Cook, who says he reads only one novel a year, has read "His Majesty, Myself."

The author of "A Fool's Errand" has begun in *The Christian Union* a new story of Southern Life, which is called "Zouri's Christmas."

It is recalled that Mr. Tennyson in founding his new and unsuccessful play on one of Beocca's stories, is not the first author to employ the same story for treatment in English verse. Coventry Patmore did it in his poem called "The Falcon."

Taine has nearly finished the revision in MS. of the third volume of his work on "The Origins of Contemporary Fiction." The special title of the volume he has not yet fixed upon, but it will probably be either "The Jacobins" or "The Convention." Of course Henry Holt & Co. will publish the volume here.

The Society of St. Michael is an association which has just been formed in London "by a few men who revere Carlyle as at once the ablest, boldest and most earnest sage and teacher of the age and country in which we live, for the purpose of promoting a more widespread knowledge of his writings, and of endeavoring to bring about certain religious, political and social changes advocated therein."

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